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Ms. Elizabeth Hiner, R. Ph.
FDA; Dockets Management Branch
(AFA-305)
5600 Fishers Lane
Rockville, MD 20857

Re: FDA Docket # 98N-1265 Memorandum of Understanding

Dear Ms. Hiner,

I am a naturopathic physician, graduated from Bastyr University, licensed by the State of Washington, practicing in Michigan where licensure is not yet offered.

As you may well be aware, there is an increasing demand at the grass roots level for better medicine, including access to Complimentary and Alternative Healthcare.

I am a pioneer both in naturopathic medicine and the endocrinologic medicine I am practicing here in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, an area of approximately 100,000 square miles, in which I am the only licensed naturopath. According to my license in the State of Washington, I am entitled to prescribe certain pharmacological agents, including thyroid, estrogen and progesterone hormones. I frequently prescribe, based on physiologic clinical lab tests results, the use of pharmaceuticals required to be ordered from a pharmacy in Washington State.

Any FDA regulations restricting access of mail order pharmaceuticals will limit or end my prescriptive rights and detrimentally impact the health of my patients.

"I OBJECT to the definition of 'inordinate amount' (or any other term) which restricts the availability and rights to obtain medically necessary compounded prescriptions that can be shipped across state lines from specialized compounding pharmacies."

Please give this your serious attention, and as one woman and one health care advocate to another, vote against any FDA regulations, especially those generated in the interests of big business, inhibiting the pursuit of happiness in health by women.

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